

ABSTRACT

A mobile user in a foreign wireless network registers via a foreign server, which communicates with a home server in the user's home network to exchange data pertaining to use of a service by the user. The data are in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) MESSAGE in accordance with the SIP. In one embodiment, the foreign network holds data indicating use of a service or services in the foreign network by the mobile user, and sends to the home server a SIP MESSAGE including data for the home network to use for billing. In another embodiment , the home network holds account details relating to the use of the foreign network by the mobile user. In response to a SIP MESSAGE from the foreign server identifying the mobile user and the service or services requested by the mobile user, the home server sends to the foreign server a SIP MESSAGE including data indicating permitted use of the foreign network by the mobile user. The foreign server uses the SIP message to control access by the mobile user to a specific service or a number of identified services in the foreign network.